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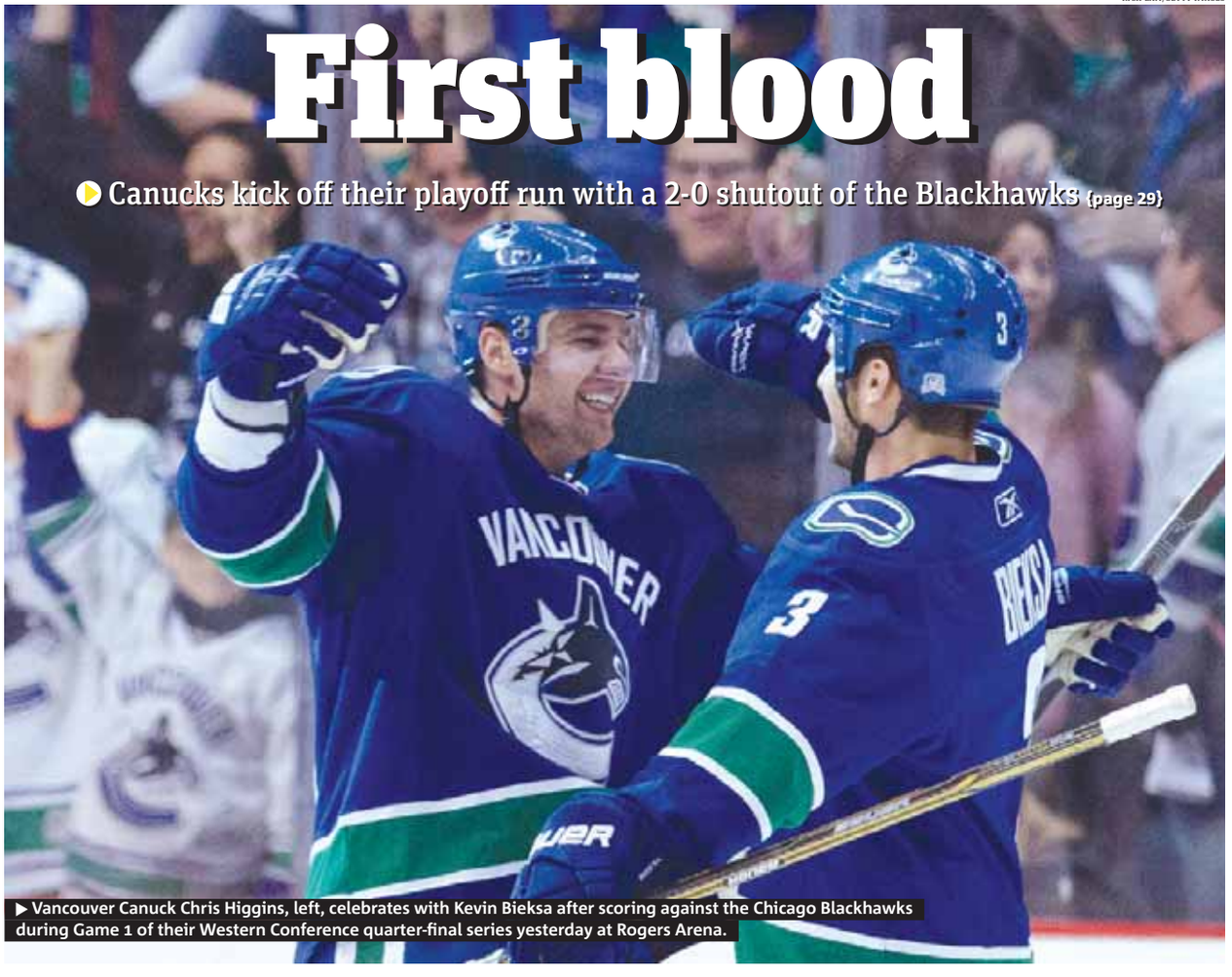

▶ Vancouver Canuck Chris Higgins, left, celebrates with Kevin Bieksa after scoring against the Chicago Blackhawks during Game 1 of their Western Conference quarter-final series yesterday at Rogers Arena.

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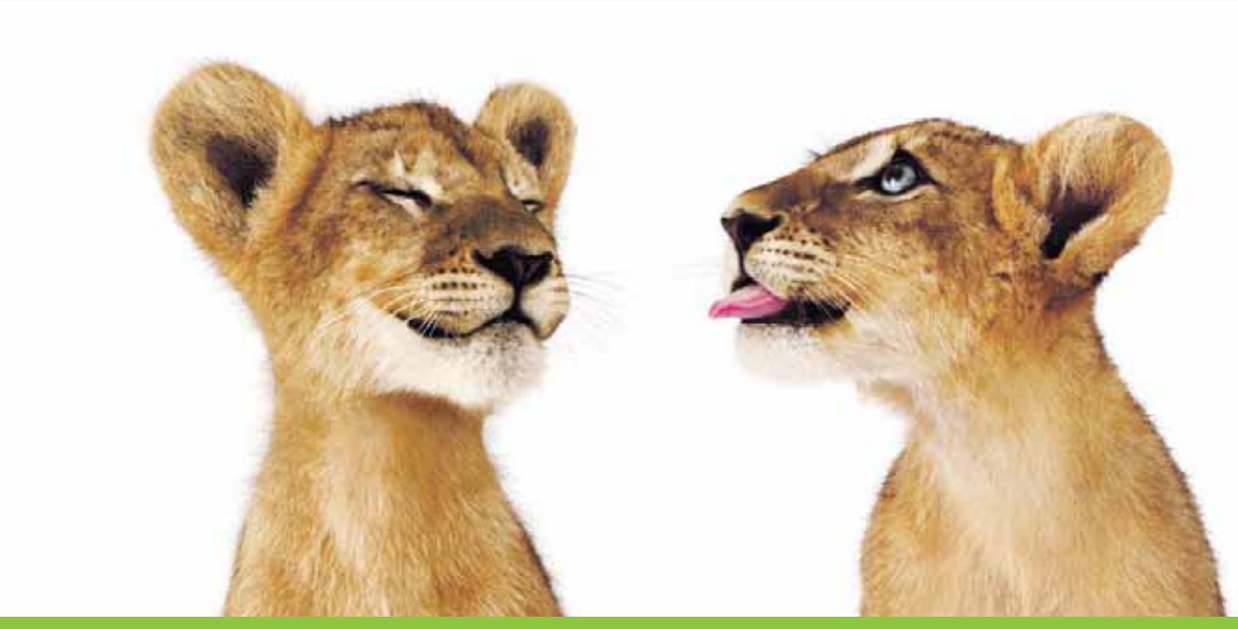

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Playoff paint-job elicits cheers

When die-hard Canucks fan Jake Lockhart moved back to Kelowna from Calgary — leaving the boos and jeers of Flames fans behind — he decided it was time to finally show his true colours.

So he bought some paint and splashed those colours — royal blue and kelly green — all over his house.

"It's a keystone year for Vancouver, so we decided to go above and beyond and support them," said Lockhart who, with his wife's blessing and father's help, painted his entire home blue and the Canucks logo on his garage door.

"She approved it for the length of the playoffs," he said. "After we win the Stanley Cup there's plans to eventually paint over it," he said.

Lockhart said the community loves it.

"We've had people honk as they go by, people walking their dogs yell out and say it looks awesome," he said, adding someone even rang the doorbell to give him props.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

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▶ Jake Lockhart painted his Kelowna house Canucks blue, complete with logo.

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▶ Metro reporter Kristen Thompson, right, buys her first Vancouver Canucks shirt yesterday at Vancity Sports on Georgia Street while intern Jamie Hong sports the best-selling 3-D foam fingers.

You've come a long way, jersey

▶ Females buying more hockey goods ▶ Merchants responding by giving them more options ▶ Women's love for shopping boosting overall sales

Guys are not the only ones doling out money for hockey merchandise as more and more women are shopping for the latest in hockey fashions.

"I personally own four jerseys, countless hats and T-shirts," said Katie Maximick, who has been a Canucks fan for eight years. "I spend too much, I think."

Now that women have options that move beyond pink jerseys, they're buying more men's-style apparel in women's sizes.

"I think it's a little condescending when they only offer pink, bedazzled, girl-fit stuff in their stores," said Stephanie Ip, a newbie Canucks fan. "Some women are into that, and that's fine, but not every single female is like that."

With a growing female hockey fan base, local merchants are benefiting from women's love of shopping and their hardcore support for the home team.

"We used to have just a small little rack and now we got all these (women's apparel)," said John Czvelka, owner of Vancity Sports on Georgia Street. "And now women basically get the same product as the men, like name-and-number T-shirts and jerseys."

The last few years have seen a rise of up to 40 per cent in sales for women's hockey clothing, he added.

"There's husbands and boyfriends who watch, and (women) don't want to feel left out sitting on the sides, and everybody gets caught up in the fever this time of the year — just like the Olympics,"

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Clark prepares for battle over riding

BCCLA director David Eby resigns, runs NDP ◗ Premier to run in May 11 byelection in Gordon Campbell's former riding

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▶ Premier Christy Clark

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark will wage political war in the riding of Vancouver-Point Grey to earn a seat in the legislature.

Clark announced her candidacy yesterday by calling a byelection May 11 in the riding vacated by former Premier Gordon Campbell.

"It's important to me to make sure I have a chance to sit in the legislature this session," she said. "I don't think British Columbians want an unelected premier without a mandate. I have to be there when we are debating legislation and passing legislation."

But Clark — who admits she doesn't have a "free pass" — won't be unopposed.

Shortly after she announced the byelection, former B.C. Civil Liberties Association executive director David Eby threw his hat into the ring for the NDP.

"This is one of the most exciting things I've taken on and one of the most challenging. How many chances do you get to run against the premier?" said Eby, who resigned from his post at the BCCLA yesterday. "I'm 110 per cent committed and hope with the voters of Vancouver-Point Grey we can send a strong message."

Eby sold his home in East Vancouver and says he's moving to Point Grey today.

Trashing. The van

▶ Classic Rock 101 gave Vancouver Canucks fans a chance to destroy a vintage 1974 Econoline van that was decked out with a Chicago Blackhawks logo yesterday.

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Destruction for a good cause

The Crush for the Cup, Blackhawk Down edition, was held at a parking lot on Cambie Street as a fundraising effort for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Government violated teachers' rights: Ruling

Contract talks with British Columbia teachers have suddenly become more contentious with the release of a court ruling that the government violated teachers' constitutional rights when it stripped them of the ability to negotiate class size and composition.

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News in brief

Facebook quote undoes candidacy

SURREY. A Surrey Green party candidate stepped down yesterday over a comment on his Facebook page that made reference to rape.

Fleetwood-Port Kells candidate Alan Saldanha listed: "If rape is inevitable, lie back and enjoy it!" as his favourite quote on Facebook, the Surrey-North Delta Leader reported yesterday.

In a statement on its website yesterday, the Green party said Saldanha had resigned and that it regretted the inappropriate comments. METRO

Bomb scare leads to drug charges

EXPO BOULEVARD. A 52-year-old Vancouver man has been charged with conspiracy to traffic cocaine in connection with a roadside stop on Expo Boulevard that led to the detonation of what appeared to be a pipe bomb. The suspect was stopped on Tuesday afternoon and cops found a metal cylinder inside his vehicle. The bomb squad was called in to blow up the device.

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Polyamorists targeted: Lawyer

SUPREME COURT. A lawyer for a group that advocates for those with multiple partners says people in such relationships are wrongly targeted by Canada's law against polygamy. John Ince, who represents the Canadian Polyamory Advocacy Association, was speaking at a B.C. Supreme Court hearing in Vancouver that's reviewing the law.

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Falun Gong protesters want hut to return

City needs to replace public demonstration bylaw by April 19 Falun Gong practitioners say hut outside Chinese consulate is legal, not intrusive

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A protester stands bloodied and chained outside Vancouver City Hall yesterday as Falun Gong practitioners and supporters put pressure on the city to amend a bylaw restricting structures at protest sites.

Falun Gong supporters hope a new, revised bylaw will honour their right to protest outside the Chinese consulate in Vancouver and set up temporary structures at the site.

The protesters were a constant presence outside the consulate on Granville Street from 2001 until a court injunction forced them to take down billboards and a hut in 2009.

The B.C. Court of Appeal has since ruled that a Vancouver bylaw that made the temporary structures illegal was "unconstitutional" and violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The City of Vancouver has until April 19 to replace the bylaw, and the first draft introduced by staff last week — which requires fees and places restrictions on where structures can be erected — was met with overwhelming criticism.

Even Mayor Gregor Robertson said the proposed bylaw was unacceptable and demanded changes.

Sue Zhang of the Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver was joined by dozens of protesters yesterday outside city hall to have their say.

"The billboards and hut was not intrusive in any way," said Zhang. "Throughout the years, all of our activities outside the consulate have been peaceful and orderly. The laws are meant to serve the people and protect the good of society."

A revised version of the proposed Structures For Public Expression on City Streets bylaw is expected to go before council soon.

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Schoenborn decision being reviewed

Attorney General Barry Penner said the B.C. Review Board will reconsider allowing Allan Schoenborn to take escorted visits into the community.

Last week the board ruled Schoenborn — who was found not criminally responsible for killing his three children in 2008 — could be granted day leave from his Coquitlam psychiatric hospital.

But Penner said new information that Schoenborn's ex-wife is living in the same city is being reviewed.

Schoenborn killed his daughter and two sons in Merritt. He said he was protecting them from being sexually assaulted.

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THE RACE FOR THE NDP LEADERSHIP

JOHN HORGAN

A longtime party insider, John Horgan worked for three NDP premiers during the 1990s, and briefly served as chief of staff for interim premier Dan Miller. First elected to the provincial legislature in 2005, Horgan currently serves as an MLA representing the sprawling Juan de Fuca riding on Vancouver Island.

On the role of unions in the NDP:
I believe that working people and social democratic movements all around the world are not successful when they're apart, but are successful when they're together. There aren't many examples of social democratic governments being successful without organized labour.

On what makes him unique:
I'm a little bit different from other New Democrats in that I have a strong belief in the private-sector economy, but it has to be driven in the public interest. And that means fair taxation, it means appropriate regulation, and most importantly, it means ensuring that your workforce is safe and well paid.

On whether the NDP is a socialist party:
I don't see myself as a socialist and I've been in the NDP for 27 years.

On privatization in health care:
The Liberal approach is that the private sector is more efficient, it can deliver services more efficiently. I reject that. I believe that when you've got a public system, that's focused on good public outcomes, that supersedes making a profit.

On low voter turnout:
People are frustrated with politics. They see this constant heckling back and forth rather than, "Here's a problem, how do we all fix it?" That's absent from our political culture, and I'm hoping to change that.

On Glen Clark:
I think history will judge him as someone who came into power at a time when there was a transformation in the economy, and ultimately he'll be judged as someone who did the best he could in a difficult situation.

On the Liberal record:
The mythology was that the Liberals could manage the economy. It's not true. When you look at any measurable data from the '90s to today, the growth rate was about the same, employment was about the same, profitability was about the same, wages were higher, in the 1990s, in real terms, than they are today.

On tips for being a good leader:
Humility is key. When you start reading your reviews and your head gets too big to get out the door, then you're in trouble. I'm going to try to avoid that.

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▶ John Horgan

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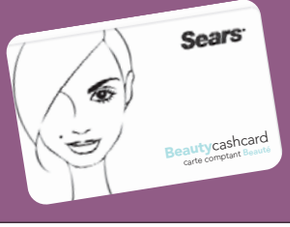

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No more Mr. Nice Guys

Election 2011

Fireworks lit up the Ottawa sky last night — and there were fireworks inside the centre where the televised French-language leaders' debate took place.

After Tuesday's comparatively stiff and staid English debate, the four leaders ramped up the rhetoric in a French-language donnybrook.

Stephen Harper's understanding of Canada's system of government came under sustained attack and an exchange on the legitimacy of coalitions was just the beginning of a sharp-elbowed evening.

Corporate tax cuts, the federal long-gun registry, the Tory agenda on crime, harmonized sales taxes — and the import of "Republican values" from the U.S. — made for a rather less comfortable evening for the prime minister.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff got into pitched battles with his rivals, notably NDP Leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe.

Ignatieff tried to wrap himself in the Canadian flag, suggesting that Quebecers are no longer concerned about the country's constitutional battles.

"Nobody ever talked to me about the Constitution; nobody ever mentioned it," Ignatieff said of his extensive travels through Quebec last summer.

"Quebecers are concerned about other issues."

Duceppe pounced.

"In 2011 it doesn't matter anymore? Is that what you're saying?" he said.

"That's the same thing Pierre Trudeau was saying back in 1976."

The fiery exchange allowed Harper to get off perhaps his best line.

"Imagine, ladies and gentlemen," he said, looking into the camera, "another minority parliament with these three parties trying to form a government. The same old constitutional and linguistic squabbles."

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Power play

- Jack Layton tried to portray Gilles Duceppe as the coach of a hockey team with no offensive players.
- "You and your team, you're like a hockey team made up of defencemen only," Layton quipped. "The NDP can score goals."

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▶ Starting out as friends: Jack Layton, Gilles Duceppe, Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff shake hands at the start of last night's French-language televised election debate.

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Nearly 4M tuned in to first debate

Election 2011

Nearly four million television viewers tuned in to Tuesday night's English-language leaders' debate.

CTV says the total audience for the broadcast consortium that aired the debate across the country was 3.85 million.

That's up 22 per cent compared to viewership for the English leaders' debate in 2008, CTV says.

But the TV ratings system has since changed, making any new numbers hard to compare.

Individually, CTV says it had 1.37 million viewers as it aired the debate from 7 to 9 p.m., while CBC had 1.14 million viewers and Global had 597,000. CTV says its average ratings for that time block in recent weeks have been 1.2 million total viewers.

The TV consortium is made up of Canada's largest TV networks: CBC/Radio-Canada, CTV, Global and TVA.

An analysis of Twitter traffic during the English debate found there were more than 35,000 tweets Tuesday about the debate, making it by far the most tweets about a single issue on any day of this campaign.

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Moore's Twitter tempest

Firebrand filmmaker Michael Moore took to Twitter to provide running analysis of the English- and French-language debates.

A string of tongue-in-cheek tweets from the Michigander began during Tuesday's English debate.

Among the quips from @MMFlint:

— "One of the great things when u live on the Canadian border is watching their political process. It's like tuning in 2 Mars (but a smart Mars)."

— "Here's hoping the Canadians can lose their Bush-lite PM ..."

— "Funniest moment: The Quebec separatist guy was the only one who knew correct parliamentary procedure of a country he doesn't want 2 belong 2."

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Child escapes sinking minivan

Mother, 3 children drown after van driven into river
Rescuers find victims an hour later in 10 feet of water

A 10-year-old boy escaped through the window of a minivan and swam to shore to get help after his mother drove the van into New York's Hudson River, killing herself and three other children, police said yesterday.

Lashanda Armstrong, 25, drove the minivan into the river off a boat ramp in the city of Newburgh about 8 p.m. Tuesday, shortly after a domestic incident, police said. The van went into the river just six blocks from where the family lived in the faded city about 100 kilometres north of New York City.

Fire Chief Michael Vatter said a passerby saw Lashaun Armstrong emerge from the river, picked up the soaking wet boy and took him to a nearby fire department. Vatter said the boy was so distraught that he had difficulty talking but ultimately told firefighters what happened. Rescuers went immediately to the river but it was too late to save the four victims.

"She was a very good mom. She took care of her kids."

TINA CLAYBOURNE, WHO LIVES NEARBY

In the van with Lashanda Armstrong were Landon Pierre, 5, Lance Pierre, 2, and 11-month-old Lainaina Pierre, police said. Her husband and the father of the three dead children, Jean Pierre, was questioned. Police would not give details of the interview or say if the father had been charged with anything.

Shortly before she drove the van into the river, a relative called police to report a domestic incident at Armstrong's apartment.

Lashanda Armstrong's aunt, Angela Gilliam, who called police, told reporters she spoke to her niece earlier Tuesday and she was "not too good."

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Newburgh resident Cynthia Beadle leaves a stuffed teddy bear in the water where a woman drove her car carrying four children into the Hudson River Tuesday night in Newburgh, N.Y.

Not an isolated incident

A similar incident occurred in 2006, about 30 kilometres south of Newburgh.

In 2007, Victor Han, of Queens, N.Y., was sentenced to three years of probation after pleading guilty to child endangerment.

Han admitted he knew he was putting his daughters at risk when he stepped out of the family minivan on Bear Mountain in June 2006, leaving them with their mother, 35-year-old Hejin Han.

She then drove the Honda Odyssey off a 300-foot drop. The mother was killed but the children somehow survived the plunge.

It's also reminiscent of the case of a South Carolina woman who drowned her young sons in 1994.

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▶ Egyptian anti-riot policemen stand guard yesterday in front of Sharm El Sheikh hospital where former president Hosni Mubarak, 82, was hospitalized with heart problems.

Mubarak detained in hospital

Egypt's former president held on charges of corruption, abuse of power

Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak was put under detention in his hospital room yesterday for investigation on accusations of corruption, abuse of power and killing of protesters.

The detention is a new landmark in the stunning fall of the 82-year-old Mubarak, who only months ago appeared unquestioned in his control of Egypt after nearly 30 years of rule.

Mubarak's two sons, Gamal and Alaa, were also detained for questioning and taken to Cairo's Torah prison, where a string of former top regime figures — including the former prime minister, ruling party chief and Mubarak's chief of staff — are already languishing, facing investigations on corruption.

The move was brought by enormous public pressure on the ruling military, which was handed power when Mubarak stepped down Feb. 11. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justice in transition

Since the fall of Egypt's ousted President Hosni Mubarak's fall, activists have complained that the Armed Forces Supreme Council, the body of top generals that now rules Egypt, has been dictating the transition without consultation.

Relations have rapidly soured over the past week amid reports of abuses by the military that reminded some of Mubarak's rule — including torture of protesters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

685 The Front to Defend Egypt Protesters, a group that provides medical and legal assistance to the demonstrators, said 685 people died as of March 7. However, officials say 365 were killed when police opened fire on the crowds.

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▶ A fighter lands after a mission over Libya.

Concealing weapons

French bombers in Libya have trouble detecting Gadhafi's fighter units

As French navy Rafale and Super Etendard fighter-bombers carrying laser-guided bombs catapulted yesterday off the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier into a cloudless Mediterranean sky, officers onboard described the difficulties they face. Despite all the modern technology, troops loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi are harder than ever to identify.

Gadhafi's forces are camouflaging their units to conceal them from detection and attack, officers said.

"There is obviously a degree of savoir-faire ... that we haven't seen before," said the commander of the carrier's air wing.

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Al-Jazeera asks for captured reporters

The Arabic news channel Al-Jazeera is calling on Libyan authorities to release its two reporters.

In a statement yesterday, the network urged Libya to release reporters Ammar al-Hamdan of Norway and Kamel al-Tallou of Britain, who were captured in western Libya in March along with two others, who have been released. The Qatar-based network is "extremely grateful for the support" it has received for the release of its two reporters. However, more efforts are needed to secure the rest of their colleagues' freedom, the statement said.

100 Reporters Without Borders says about 100 foreign reporters are in Libya to cover the conflict between Moammar Gadhafi and rebel forces.

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British PM shows strong commitment to rebels

▶ Nicolas Sarkozy and David Cameron

British Prime Minister David Cameron says Britain and France will "leave no stone unturned" as they search for ways to help Libya's rebels topple Moammar Gadhafi.

Cameron made the comments in Paris yesterday where he was to discuss the military operation in Libya with French President Nicolas Sarkozy. Both countries' defence chiefs were also attending.

The British leader said the talks would focus on how the two countries can help the Libyan opposition, while targeting Gadhafi's regime "and (halt) the dreadful things that they are doing."

Earlier, France urged NATO to maintain military pressure on Gadhafi's forces alongside international efforts toward a political solution.

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Out of crisis mode, back to school for survivors

- One teacher, 34 students survived from Okawa Elementary School
- Officials say routine is good

The tsunami killed 74 of the 108 students at Okawa Elementary School and all but one of the dozen teachers. The main building is ripped open, with trees jammed into second-floor classrooms, and the gym and playground have been reduced to muddied concrete foundations.

Classes start in a week.

All along Japan's battered northeastern coast, schools have been heavily damaged or converted to shelters, and families are without jobs, permanent homes or cars. But the country is determined to move ahead with one of its rites of spring: The start of the school year in April, even as some parents and children grieve.

At Okawa Elementary, another issue is trust.

Parents are frustrated at the lack of an explanation for its tragedy, when other schools nearby were also heavily damaged but had no deaths.

Officials say establishing routines is a crucial step in rebuilding communities and drawing residents out of crisis mode.

"I'm just not ready to think about school yet. They haven't even found my daughter."

NAOMI HIRATSUKA, WHO LOST HER CHILD KOHARU, A SIXTH GRADER AT OKAWA ELEMENTARY, AND HAS A YOUNGER CHILD ENTERING FIRST GRADE.

The 34 surviving students of Okawa Elementary will begin classes April 21 in four rooms at a nearby school, staying together and treated as a separate school of their own.

"We don't know yet if the school can be rebuilt, but we want to maintain continuity for the students," said Kato Shigemi, an education committee official in Ishinomaki, a devastated riverside community about 350 kilometres northeast of Tokyo.

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▶ Children watch while their father is screened for radiation at a shelter in Fukushima, Japan.

Ivory Coast president attempts to restore order

Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara tried to establish order in the days after the country's strongman Laurent Gbagbo was arrested, moving him to a secure location and assuring the public that looting and gunfire will cease, and life will soon return to normal.

"Gbagbo is in a residence under surveillance somewhere in Ivory Coast," Ouattara told reporters at the Golf Hotel.

"There will be charges (against Gbagbo) on a national level and an international level."

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Obama sets stage for U.S. deficit debate

U.S. President Barack Obama called for reducing the federal deficit by $4 trillion in the next decade through a package that includes tax reform, further cuts in domestic and defence spending, and shoring up of federal entitlements, setting the stage for a spirited debate with Republicans.

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Economy braking: Carney

Exports at risk with loonie expected to be strong for years to come

The Canadian economy is entering a period of slow growth under the heavy burden of a strong dollar, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney warns.

The dollar's impact on trade, particularly exports, is a key reason Carney expects the economy to slow sharply in the next two years after a 4.2 per cent growth spurt in the first quarter of this year. Other factors are a tapped-out consumer and government spending restraint.

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▶ Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney

The bank says the second quarter will see growth brake to two per cent, in part because of auto-sector disruptions caused by the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

On an annual basis, the economy is forecast to slow from 2.9 per cent this year to 2.6 next year.

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Rating game

- **Economists had been** pointing to May or July as the most likely dates for an interest-rate hike from the current one per cent.
- **But the latest outlook** suggests the rate could remain low for much longer, since raising it too soon could lift the loonie even higher.

Market moment

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Lawsuit asks for half of Facebook

Claimant says Zuckerberg lied to him about popularity of site, tried to get him to sell interest

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▶ Mark Zuckerberg

A New York man who claims he struck a deal with Mark Zuckerberg in 2003 that entitles him to half of Facebook Inc. has included in a new court filing emails he said he exchanged with the Facebook founder.

In his federal court complaint, Paul Ceglia said the emails show, in part, how Zuckerberg tried to get him to abandon his interest in Facebook by souring their business relationship in 2004, while at the same time downplaying the popularity of the site following its launch at Harvard University, where Zuckerberg was a student.

Zuckerberg is accused in the complaint of breaching his contract with Ceglia by incorporating the website first known as thefacebook.com without telling him.

Ceglia seeks a 50 per cent share of the company, which has more than 500 million users worldwide. Forbes magazine last month estimated Zuckerberg's net worth at $13.5 billion.

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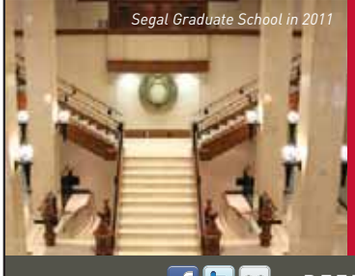

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CUE THE BEARDS, IT'S PLAYOFF TIME

Stock up on chicken wings, cut your phone lines and dump your girlfriend; it's time for the NHL playoffs or, as us Boston Bruins fans call it, the most exciting eight days of the year.

I love the playoffs and, like most relationships, the first two weeks are the best. Canada has hope and the post-season is welcomed as the first burst of spring. By the time the finals get underway, it's too hot for hockey, the Canuck clubs have melted away, and, often, a contender from the Deep South has you wondering how long it will be before the Quito Nordiques defeat the Bogota Maple Leafs in the Copa del Stanley.

But, oh, the next few weeks. The playoffs provide the comfort of a tradition with the excitement of unpredictable pandemonium. It's like going home for Christmas and finding a new family every year. And who wouldn't want that?

Because I am one of Canada's top-three most read columnists on this page, the country has been awaiting my Stanley Cup predictions. And here they are:

• One overtime game will go deep into the night — with dozens of saves, goalposts and close calls — ending only when you decide to take a "quick jaunt" to the bathroom.

• Something spectacular will happen whenever TV decides to have a pointless during-play interview with a parent (on Canadian TV) or second-rate celebrity (on U.S. TV). We didn't need to see that Ovechkin goal, NBC. An unshaven Vince Vaughn in a ball cap is awesome, too.

• Even if the final series is between Nashville and Tampa Bay and involves not a single Toronto connection, media will be abuzz with what it means for the Leafs. ("Lost in all the hubbub over the Stanley Cup championships, is that Mikhail Grabovski and the winning coach wear a similar brand of sock.")

• Don Cherry will applaud the military, laud Canada, and warn players not to showboat, dive, hit from behind, back down from a fight, or get your stick in the way of a shot. Rumour has it he may also wear something delightfully offbeat.

And those are my predictions. You don't even need to watch anymore.

And though I have mocked Don Cherry, you should still remember the words of a certain strangely dressed and plain-speaking Canadian icon when I say: Keep your stick on the ice.

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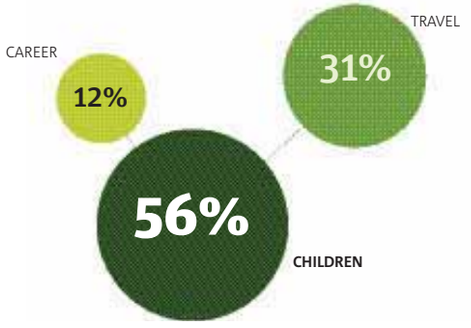

Local tweets

- **@LisaCheng:** Is wondering if 6PM is too late to get a patio seat at Keg Yaletown to watch Game 1?
- **@m_candy:** Took a picture with @strombo Saturday night and just saw him again downtown. Fate? Maybe. Should've took another pic haha #yvr
- **@lh2008:** How are the #Canucks not trending in #yvr?
- **@tediknight:** You know it's springtime in my neighbourhood when Opera man is back walking the streets singing!! #YVR
- **@Miss604:** On this day in #Vancouver history: 1950 — The Ridge Theatre opened at 3131 Arbutus /via http://vancouverhistory.ca
- **@VanCanucks:** It's Game Day, #Canucks fans. Wear your #Canucks jerseys, shirts & scarves to work & join us in downtown #Vancouver over the lunch hour.
- **@d_hag:** Dismal weather, overpriced housing, terrible drivers, poor public transit system; Welcome to #Vancouver the world's most livable city?!

Letters

Re: Robertson speaks out against proposed protest bylaw (Metro, April 11)

BURNABY. It seems Vancouver is trying to wiggle out of the court's decision to let Falun Gong protest peacefully in front of the Chinese consulate. This latest move by the city is nothing but a thinly disguised attempt to appease the Chinese consulate. Come on! Let's be clear what our Canadian values are and not let the financial pressure of a foreign power sway the decisions of our city's leaders. **RYAN MOFFATT**

Re: Canucks fever gripping city (Metro, April 13)

VANCOUVER. You have, in my opinion, printed the wrong front page in this morning's Metro. Your front page suggests hockey takes precedence over the federal election. Your publication has a duty to inform, and a duty to encourage Canadians to participate in the democratic process. I also believe it is the media's job to let people know that it is important. **BILL MCFARLANE**

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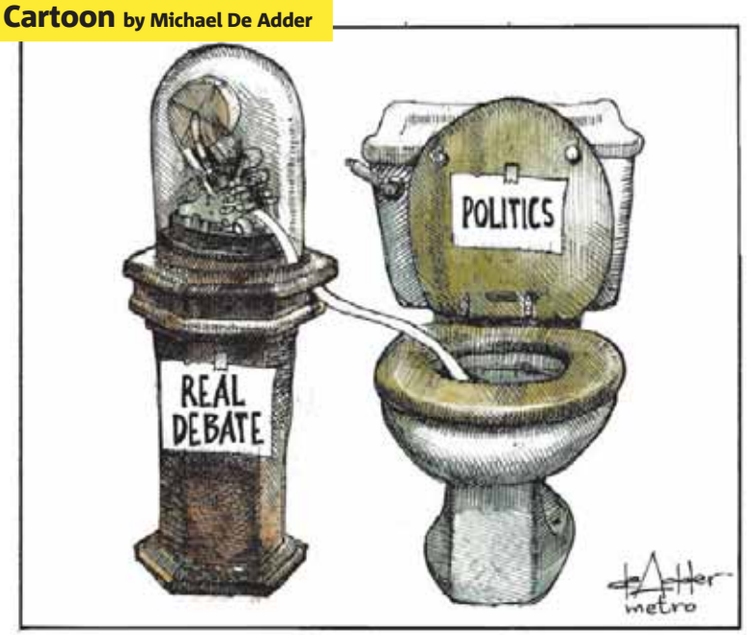

WEIRD NEWS

Something to sign his cheques with

Some say the pen is mightier than the sword. If true, Czech President Vaclav Klaus will soon be a very mighty man. More than 5,000 Czechs have signed up to a Facebook campaign to mail pens to the president after a video of him sheepishly pocketing a pen he took an obvious liking to during an official signing ceremony last week in Chile became widely popular on the Internet.

Klaus said it's customary for leaders to keep pens after signing accords. But the manner in which he sized up the pen — encrusted with semiprecious Chilean stones — and then sneakily slipped it into his pocket while he sat at a desk alongside Chilean President Sebastian Pinera has seen him ridiculed by some of his countrymen.

"It seemed to me absolutely inappropriate to do anything like that during an official ceremony," said Vojtech Palous, a 23-year-old student.

Campaign participants are being asked to send to the presidential office pens, pencils or other writing means on May 2 because "Mr. President obviously has nothing to write with." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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One last chance for snow time fun

The Telus World Ski & Snowboard Festival brings together great winter athletes and amazing bands Proceeds got to Japanese relief effort

BACKSTAGE PASS

GRAEME MCRANOR
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After a long, miserably moist winter, most city dwellers are itching to swap rain boots and jackets for flip flops and sunglasses. Yet, up in the hills, it seems they're not quite ready to hit the beach.

It's been a stellar year up at Whistler and the snow has continued to come down this week — great news for those of us lucky enough to be heading up to the 16th annual Telus World Ski & Snowboard Festival.

On tap this year, heaps of live music, including Black Mountain, Tokyo Police Club, Broken Social Scene and Gogol Bordello.

Plenty to do and see in the arts scene too, highlighted by the 72 Hr. Filmmaker Showdown, State of the Art, the Olympus Pro Photographer Showdown, and the Chairlift Revue. There's also PechaKucha Night Whistler Vol. 4, which features 10 guest speakers, with authors, artists and designers in the mix. Tickets are $10 and proceeds go to the Canadian Red Cross and the Japanese relief effort.

And let's not forget the slope-side events. If you enjoy seeing skiers defy gravity, don't miss the Big Air competition. Also, this year's Superpipe invitational is the first top-level competition since half-pipe skiing was named an Olympic discipline for Sochi 2014. For more information visit wssf.com.

Around the city

- **Wine.** It's April, which means it's a perfect time for April Wine to tour. The Canadian Music Hall-of-Famers perform at the Commodore Saturday night. Order some wine, too, if you're really into having a pun night. Tickets $37.50 plus services at Ticketmaster. Show at 9:30 p.m.
- **Concert.** Robert Plant and the Band of Joy is sold out, but that doesn't mean enterprising individuals can't find a way into the concert. We're not suggesting anything other than paying more than face value on the Internet. At the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Sunday night. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

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▶ A skier soars through the air as part of the superpipe competition at the Telus World Ski and Snowboard Festival in Whistler.

Scene in brief

People magazine named Jennifer Lopez the World's Most Beautiful Woman. The singer, actress and American Idol judge tops the annual list of the World's Most Beautiful. Lopez is joined on this honour roll by such lovelies as Halle Berry, Jennifer Garner and Beyoncé Knowles.

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Simon follows an intimate disc with a scaled-down concert tour

Let the Olympic games begin

The broken clock had perfect timing.

Twenty Twelve, a satirical BBC sitcom about the London Olympics, kicked off last month with an episode that saw organizers unveil a baffling backwards-running clock counting down to the start of the Games.

Life soon imitated art.

A real clock installed in London's Trafalgar Square — hours before the show's launch — to tick down the 500 days to the opening ceremony stopped dead the very next day. It was several hours before engineers got it going again.

It was priceless free publicity for the BBC's Twenty Twelve, which has become must-watch television for those involved with organizing the Games — and anyone who has ever wondered whether London's creaky infrastructure can cope with an Olympic-sized challenge.

"It was delicious," the show's writer and director, John Morton, said of the timing. "Like so many things in broadcasting, it was a complete accident."

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Bieber frustrated by Israeli media

Aggressive papparazzi and politics plaguing his visit to the holy land

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▶ Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber's trip to Israel is off to a rocky start — tentative plans to meet the prime minister have fallen through under contentious circumstances, and the teen heartthrob says he has holed himself up in his hotel to escape the country's notoriously aggressive paparazzi.

Bieber, adored by young fans worldwide for hits like Baby, arrived in Israel on Monday and was planning to spend the week sightseeing ahead of an outdoor concert in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

The 17-year-old artist has set off a wave of excitement, with young females camped outside his hotel and photographers aggressively following him at every stop.

Even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears to have been caught up in the hype. Officials in his office said the Israeli leader had hoped to meet the singer, but hinted that politics had scuttled the visit.

A spokesman for Netanyahu said Bieber's representatives had initiated the meeting.

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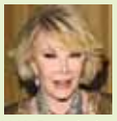
Celebrity tweets



Joan Rivers [@Joan_Rivers] Just arrived in the U.K. People here are taking "The King's Speech" Oscar win very seriously! Everyone in London now has a stutter.

Zooey Deschanel [@therealzooeyd] I feel bad for wimps who can't drink coffee at night. sorry, wimps, coffee tastes just as good at night.

Chris Colfer [@chriscolfer] I finally downloaded Angry Birds. I haven't slept in four days...

Steve Martin [@SteveMartinToGo] Working on new stand-up act with just swearing, no jokes. Feels right. METRO

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Style pick

Days of the week underwear

With the music video disaster Friday becoming a bona fide YouTube hit, it's become clear that some people may not know that Sunday comes after Saturday. Never forget which day it is again with Stella McCartney's Knickers of the Week.

Brit Williamson is ready to share his bohemian look with mainstream America.

Maxi skirts for every budget

- Skirts are dramatically long and easy breezy for spring
- Perfect to kick your legs up in

After years of gut-sucking cigarette jeans and trousers, the maxi skirt phenomenon that has taken over spring feels like a liberating revolution. You can look chic and stunning without worrying about how many carbs you ate the day before. It's a win-win. KENYA HUNT

Trend of the week

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These best friends are setting trends

The yin and yang fashion aesthetic of Lemonade Mouth's two young starlets is about to get tweens talking

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▶ Hailey Kiyoko, left and Naomi Scott star in Lemonade Mouth.

Hayley Kiyoko and Naomi Scott are the next generation of Disney Channel starlets, and these BFFs are getting a crash course in signing autographs, security guards and singing on live TV.

They've hit the media circuit this week and have a premiere to attend before Friday's debut of the TV movie Lemonade Mouth, about kids forming a band. But if this whole experience has been "just weird, just crazy" – Scott's words – dressing the part hasn't been.

Kiyoko, 20, seems poised to become a fashion force, gravitating toward funky styles, wearing a leather cowboy shirt and shorts with tights. She even pulls off the leather fanny pack that she feels fairly passionate about. ("I love the fanny pack because I hate bringing those Mary Poppins big bags everywhere," she says. "I can wear this and keep my stuff safe and I can always reach my phone and lip gloss.")

Her taste is "left of centre," and while she enjoys very much the self-expression that comes with fashion, the shopping part is mediocre, she says. The maximum time limit at the mall for this Los Angeles-area native is 90 minutes.

Scott would rather be shopping for candy and other sweets, although she likes the occasional spin through a Zara or an All-Saints shop. "Fashion" isn't really her thing, she says, although she's quickly realizing that paying attention to her clothes, and her beauty and grooming routines are all part of her job.

Looking good exudes a confidence that she hopes her new tween fans will learn, she says, but she wants the emphasis to be on a good, healthy outlook, not on perfection.

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Kate's perfect pair?

PHOTO COURTESY OF ARUNA SETH

Kate Middleton is allegedly planning on wearing ballet flats on her wedding day. In fact, rumour has it Kate may wear four or five different pairs of shoes throughout the celebration.

We probably won't know many details until April 29th, but London designer Aruna Seth received an official letter from Buckingham Palace informing her that her designs were being considered.

Any bride —princess or not — would be overjoyed to walk down the aisle in these bejewelled nude patent leather flats. Powder, a bridal boutique in Woodbridge, Ontario, is the exclusive Canadian retailer for Aruna Seth shoes.

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Model-ready your hair

THE KIT

The Kit models are busy women, and have a lot to say when it comes to keeping their hair in top shape. Here are some of their tips:

- Air-dry your hair as much as possible before blow-drying to limit the amount of heat you're blasting at it.
- Always use styling products that help hair stand up to the rigours of the curling or flat iron.
- Choose the best products for your particular hair, whether it's thin hair that could use some volumizing, or colour-treated hair that requires the right conditioner.
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Beauty picks

POUTS THAT POP

What we want for spring is a colour that's not as fussy as red and not as cute as pink — something like, oh, orange. Tangerine lips are a bold look to embrace this season and getting it right is essential. You don't want to look like you've been sipping on Sunny Delight all day. Choose the tone to suit your mood and skin tone. If you've got pale skin, try soft, peachy tones such as Chanel Hydrabase in Sari Doré. Darker skin tones look best with brighter, punchier hues like MAC's Mornage. These tones provide great contrast on darker skin. ROMINA MCGUINNESS

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Bunny rabbits aren't just for Easter time

At its most charming, rabbit imagery is sweet and whimsical ◗ Just don't overuse it ◗ The key is to find pieces that will work year-round

In Asian culture, 2011 is the Year of the Rabbit. You wouldn't know it given current events, but traditionally, years hallmarked by the animal are quiet and serene.

You'll see lots of items commemorating the year in Asian markets. In Western culture, the bunny has found a home in the Easter basket, but it's also a token of spring's arrival — of renewal, and of nature at her most benevolent.

Decorator and design blogger Lindsay Ballard of Austin, Tex., is a big fan of bunnies. "They evoke a happy feeling, regardless of the time of year," she says. Just don't overuse the motif — letting them multiply, so to speak, can look overdone.

"I'll use a rabbit in a tabletop vignette along with found objects and other vintage elements," she says.

Ballard hits the after-Easter sales for new finds. "The key is to find pieces that will work year-round. You don't want to use a rabbit carrying a pink and blue Easter egg in your everyday decor."

She suggests hunting for neutral-coloured examples, and spray painting if necessary.

At its most charming, rabbit imagery is sweet and whimsical. But it can also look sophisticated and modern, and that versatility makes it a great trend to hop on if you're looking for a few fresh spring updates. Find white ceramic rabbits at Pottery Barn to use as display pieces or clever serveware, such as candy dishes. There's also a folk-arty metal running rabbit mounted on a wood block. Carved wooden rabbits are popping up at several retailers, too.

▶ Fauna rabbit pillow by Ross Menuez.

Uttermost's Leverette rabbit lamp, designed by Carolyn Kinder, adds French Country flavour to the motif. Thomas Paul's new bunny graphic, in lilac, rose or aqua, graces smart linen pillows and alpaca throws.

If you're interested in more of a commitment, New York studio Grow House Grow offers the pretty Cottontail wallpaper. Designer Katie Deedy remembered a childhood road trip through south Georgia when she decided that fluffy-tailed bunnies must have sprung from the fields of white cotton. Her charming paper, offered in Powder, Sweet Pea and Tapioca colours, depicts bunnies popping out of the cotton sprigs.

For a spring tea party, consider Williams Sonoma's wee, coloured-glass bunny taper holders, and Lenox's Butterfly Meadow bunny creamer and sugar bowl, both in dishwasher-safe porcelain.

At Pottery Barn Kids, you'll find tumblers printed with Beatrix Potter's famous rabbits.

While part of the retailer's Easter collection, the glassware would be fun to use all year.

At Fawn & Forest, find Decoylab designer Maiko Kuzuniski's playfully romping laser-cut rabbit bamboo wall clock, and Ross Menuez's rabbit pillow for Fauna.

The online store also carries several evocative works by Portland-based photographer Elizabeth Soule.

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▶ Beatrix Potter Peter Rabbit tumblers from Pottery Barn Kids.

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The fine art of pruning

Clematis is one of the earliest vines to green up in the spring But there's confusion about whether this woody plant should be pruned

There's a lot to like about clematis, one of the earliest vines to green up in the spring. It's easy to grow, blooms in profusion and is hardy, with some varieties lasting more than 50 years.

Yet there remains a great deal of confusion about when — or even if — these plants should be pruned.

"If you have vines that grow 20 feet a year, they likely will be blooming in your neighbour's yard and not your own," said Linda Beutler, curator of the Rogerson Clematis Collection at West Lynn, Ore., and author of Gardening with Clematis. "The reason for pruning is to keep them under control."

The tops get bulky and the bottoms appear bare if you don't prune clematis plants every two or three years, Beutler said.

There are more than 250 clematis species and even more hybrids.

People new to gardening often are intimidated by pruning, but the clematis groupings are pretty straightforward, said Sandy Feather, a commercial horticulture specialist with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Pittsburgh.

"If you know which cultivar you have, (then) a lot of charts on the Internet can help show you when you should be pruning," Feather said.

With clematis, you ignore pruning at your peril, said Dennis Patton, a horticulture agent with Kansas State University Research and Extension at Olathe. "Left untended, they will grow into a tangled mass of vines mixed with new growth. They will be unruly looking. Difficult to manage," he said.

Pruning the tops of the plants brings blooms back down to eye level, Patton said. "If in doubt, don't prune before flowering."

There are many ways to kill clematis, but pruning isn't one of them, Beutler said. "Even if you prune at the wrong time, the only thing that will happen is that you'll set the blooms back by a year."

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Clematis

- **Group A:** Vigorous spring-blooming varieties, including Alpina, Armandii and Montana varieties. They should be pruned as soon as they finish blooming.
- **Group B:** Large flowered hybrids, such as Nelly Moser, Miss Bateman and Henryi. Prune the tops lightly in February or March. They can be given a second cutting immediately after flowering.
- **Group C:** Late bloomers, including the iconic Jackmani, the Perle d'Azur and Duchess of Albany. They should be pruned in late winter or early spring.

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▶ Clematis will flower more profusely after being pruned.

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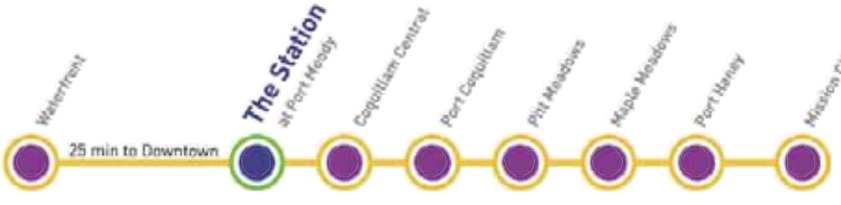

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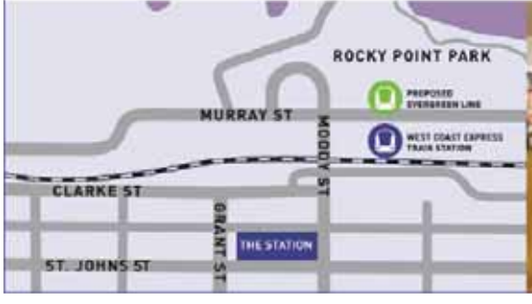

Spring into spring with asparagus

This unique flatbread features the light taste of asparagus and avocado Satisfy pizza & salad lovers

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This Asparagus Flatbread with Avocado Cream is sure to be a crowd pleaser, providing a fusion of pizza and salad.

With vibrant spring colours and bright flavours, it makes a terrific brunch. You can also cut the flatbreads into small squares for an appetizer.

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) milk (approx.)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh basil leaves
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Pinch crushed hot pepper flakes
- 16 asparagus spears, trimmed
- Half small red pepper, very thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) very thinly sliced red onion
- 3 thin slices prosciutto, torn into pieces
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 prepared plain flatbreads or focaccia, about 12 x 7–inch (30cm x 18cm)

Preparation:

1. In food processor, purée avocado with milk, basil, lemon juice, salt, pepper and pepper flakes until smooth. (Add extra milk as needed to achieve a mixture that is easy to drizzle.)
2. Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add asparagus; after 1 minute add red pepper and cook for 2 minutes longer. Transfer asparagus and red pepper to an ice water bath; drain and dry well. Cut asparagus in half, lengthwise.
3. Blend oil with garlic and brush over flatbreads; bake in 425 F (220 C) oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and golden; transfer to a cutting board. Drizzle half of avocado mix over breads. Garnish with asparagus, red pepper, onion and prosciutto; drizzle with additional sauce.

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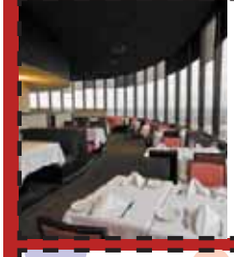

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Luongo shines in Game 1 victory

Gets monkey off his back to earn second career playoff shutout

CANUCKS	HAWKS
2	0

Jannik Hansen scored on a pretty breakaway in the first period and goaltender Roberto Luongo stopped all 32 shots he faced as the Vancouver Canucks began their quest for a Stanley Cup with a 2-0 win over the Chicago Blackhawks last night.

Chris Higgins scored the other Canucks goal in the opening game of the Western Conference quarter-final series.

Luongo's big win came against a team that has dented his confidence and battered his pride in past playoffs.

He made one of his biggest saves late in the first period. Defenceman Brian Campbell took a cross-ice pass and fired a shot at a gaping net. Luongo, who was hanging onto the far post, extended his foot to block the shot, then flopped on the rebound.

The Canucks, who finished first overall in the NHL with 117 points, cruised into the playoffs. The Blackhawks needed a loss by the Dallas Stars on the final day of the season to slide into eighth place.

Vancouver showed poise and confidence early, blistering shots at Chicago netminder Corey Crawford, who was making his first playoff start. The Canucks also laid on the body, mashing Hawks into the boards.

Chicago seemed to find their game in the second period, when Luongo was called upon to make several big saves. In the third the Hawks were buzzing around Vancouver's net.

Higgins, who was picked up at the trade deadline from Florida, opened the scoring at 7:03 of the first period. He deflected a blast from defenceman Kevin Bieksa that floated over Crawford's glove.

Ryan Kesler was the catalyst on the second goal, even though he wasn't given an assist. The big centre blocked a shot before Mikael Samuelsson fed the loose puck forward to Hansen, who beat Crawford on a breakaway.

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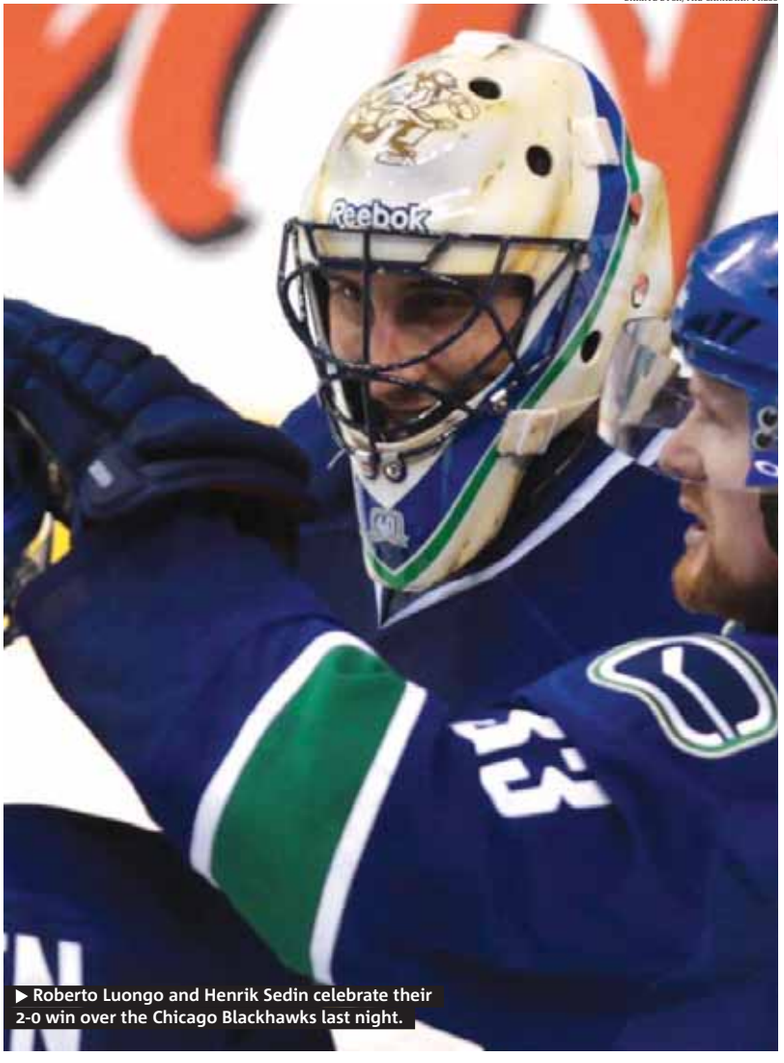

▶ Roberto Luongo and Henrik Sedin celebrate their 2-0 win over the Chicago Blackhawks last night.

Wings off to solid start

Pavel Datsyuk and Johan Franzen scored midway through the second period to put the Detroit Red Wings ahead, and they went on to beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-2 in Game 1 last night.

Brian Rafalski and Jiri Hudler padded Detroit's lead late in the second period and early in the third.

Jimmy Howard made 26 saves for the third-seeded Red Wings.

Kyle Turris scored 2:16 in to put Phoenix ahead in his playoff debut. Radim Vrbata had a goal midway through the third to pull the Coyotes within two goals, but they couldn't get any closer.

Detroit killed four penalties in the first period and dominated the second to build a two-goal lead.

The Red Wings seemed to get energized when Datsyuk tied it 1-1 at 7:38 of the second. He scored on a wraparound off an assist from Franzen, who then scored the go-ahead goal 4½ minutes later.

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▶ Phoenix's Ryan Whitney shoots wide on Detroit's Jimmy Howard last night.

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Quoted

"Whatever needs to be done ... I just tried to do my thing, and the players up front got some big goals for us and it worked out all right."

PITTSBURGH GOALTENDER MARC-ANDRE FLEURY, WHO MADE 32 SAVES IN THE PENGUINS' 3-0 WIN OVER THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING IN GAME 1 OF THEIR FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFF SERIES. FANS WERE CHANTING HIS LAST NAME AND "MVP! MVP!" AS FLEURY LEFT THE ICE IN PITTSBURGH LAST NIGHT.

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CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)
(Washington leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Washington 2 N.Y. Rangers 1 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)
Tonight's game
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Monday's game
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA
Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)
Tonight's game
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Monday's game
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Boston at Montreal, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Montreal at Boston, TBA
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)
(Pittsburgh leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Pittsburgh 3 Tampa Bay 0
Tomorrow's game
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Monday's game
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA
Monday, April 25
x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)
(Vancouver leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Vancouver 2 Chicago 0
Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
x-Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Chicago at Vancouver, TBA
San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)
Tonight's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-San Jose at Los Angeles, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Los Angeles at San Jose, TBA
Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)
(Detroit leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Detroit 4 Phoenix 2
Saturday's game
Phoenix at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Monday's game
Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
x-Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA
Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)
(Nashville leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Nashville 4 Anaheim 1
Tomorrow's game
Nashville at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
Wednesday, April 20
Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
Friday, April 22
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
Tuesday, April 26
x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA
x — played only if necessary.

CANUCKS 2, BLACKHAWKS 0

First Period
1. Vancouver, Higgins 1 (Bieksa, Kesler) 7:03
2. Vancouver, Hansen 1 (Samuelsson) 10:23
Penalty — Seabrook Chi (interference) 14:34.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — H.Sedin Vcr (slashing) 0:49.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Bieksa Vcr (interference) 6:23, D.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 17:32, Brouwer (goaltender interference) 18:03, Keith Chi, Hamhuis Vcr (roughing) 19:49.
Shots

Chicago	7	15	10	—32
Vancouver	13	13	7	—33

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,0-1); Vancouver: Luongo (W,1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Chicago: 0-3; Vancouver: 0-2.
Referees — Marc Joannette, Francois St. Laurent. **Linesmen** — Jay Sharrers, Mark Wheler.
Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

PENGUINS 3, LIGHTNING 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Kubina TB (interference) 9:36, Kennedy Pgh (hooking) 9:50, Moore TB (holding) 11:24, Malone TB (cross-checking) 15:26, Lovejoy Pgh (hooking) 19:01.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Downie TB (hooking) 3:13, Malone TB, Kovalev Pgh (roughing) 8:46.
Third Period
1. Pittsburgh, Kovalev 1 (Neal, Martin) 6:05
2. Pittsburgh, Asham 1 (Letang, Orpik) 6:23
3. Pittsburgh, Kunitz 1 (Staal, Orpik) 19:18 (en)
Penalties — Bergenheim TB (tripping) 7:39, Lundin TB (high-sticking) 9:11.
Shots

Tampa Bay	14	7	11	—32
Pittsburgh	10	18	12	—40

Goal — Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,0-1-0); Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,1-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 0-1; Pittsburgh: 0-6.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Wes McCauley. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Steve Miller.
Att. — 18,390 (18,087) at Pittsburgh.

CAPITALS 2, RANGERS 1 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — New York bench (too many men; served by Prospal) 5:31, Zuccarello NYR (boarding) 10:13, Semin Wash (hooking) 18:08.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Gilroy 1 (Wolski, Prust) 1:56
2. Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Semin, Green) 13:44
Penalty — Ovechkin Wash (roughing) 15:17.
First Overtime
3. Washington, Semin 1 (Arnott) 18:24
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

N.Y. Rangers	5	6	8	6	—25
Washington	9	8	6	10	—33

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,0-1-0); Washington: Neuvirth (W,1-0-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — N.Y. Rangers: 0-2; Washington: 0-2.
Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Brian Pochmara.
Linesmen — Derek Amell, David Brisebois.
Att. — 18,398 (18,398) at Washington.

RED WINGS 4, COYOTES 2

First Period
1. Phoenix, Turris 1 (Whitney, Doan) 2:16
Penalties — V.Filppula Det (tripping) 7:53, Lidstrom Det (hooking) 8:22, Abdelkader Det (high-sticking) 11:32, Schlemko Pho (slashing) 12:54, Helm Det (hooking) 18:49.
Second Period
2. Detroit, Datsyuk 1 (Franzen, Holmstrom) 7:38
3. Detroit, Franzen 1, 12:02
4. Detroit, Rafalski 1 (V.Filppula) 18:16 (pp)
Penalties — Eaves Det (hooking) 4:12, Hanzal Pho (holding stick) 5:30, Klesla Pho, Bertuzzi Det (fighting) 10:44, Jovanovski Pho (hooking) 16:54.
Third Period
5. Detroit, Hudler 1 (Miller) 3:16
6. Phoenix, Vrbata 1 (Hanzal, Korpikoski) 7:38
Penalty — Abdelkader Det (interference) 8:16.
Shots

Phoenix	11	8	9	—28
Detroit	9	17	10	—36

Goal — Phoenix: Bryzgalov (L,0-1-0); Detroit: Howard (W,1-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-6; Detroit: 1-3.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Steve Kozari. **Linesmen** — Tim Nowak, Brian Murphy.
Att. — 20,066 (20,066) at Detroit.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	6	4	.600	—
New York	6	4	.600	—
Toronto	6	6	.500	1
Tampa Bay	3	8	.273	3½
Boston	2	9	.182	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	4	.667	—
Kansas City	7	4	.636	½
Chicago	7	5	.583	1
Detroit	5	7	.417	3
Minnesota	4	7	.364	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	9	3	.750	—
Los Angeles	7	5	.583	2
Oakland	6	6	.500	3
Seattle	4	8	.333	5

Yesterday's results
Toronto 8 Seattle 3
L.A. Angels 4 Cleveland 3 (12 innings)
Oakland 7 Chicago White Sox 4 (10 innings)
Kansas City 10 Minnesota 5
Detroit 3 Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 7 Baltimore 4
Tampa Bay at Boston, ppd.
Tuesday's results
Seattle 3 Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 3 Boston 2
L.A. Angels 2 Cleveland 0
Minnesota 4 Kansas City 3 (10 innings)
Chicago White Sox 6 Oakland 5 (10 innings)
Detroit 5 Texas 4
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:40 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 8, MARINERS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	5	1	3	1	ISuzuki rf	5	1	0	0
CPttrsn cf	5	1	2	0	AKndy 2b	4	0	2	0
Bautist rf	5	1	1	3	Bradly lf	5	0	1	1
JRiver lf	3	0	0	0	Cust dh	5	0	1	0
Snider ph-lf	2	1	1	0	Smoak 1b	3	1	1	1
J.Nix 3b	5	1	2	0	Lngrhn cf	2	1	0	0
Arencii dh	4	0	1	1	LRdrgz 3b	3	0	0	0
Encrnc 1b	4	1	1	1	Ryan ss	3	0	1	1
JMcDnl 2b	4	1	0	0	CGmnz c	3	0	1	0
JMolin c	4	1	3	2					
Totals	**41**	**8**	**14**	**8**	**Totals**	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Toronto	001	000	061	8
Seattle	001	001	010	3

E—J.Nix (2). LOB—Toronto 9, Seattle 10. 2B—Y.Escobar (1), J.Nix (2), Encarnacion (3), J.Molina 2 (3), Bradley (4). HR—Bautista (3), Smoak (1). SB—Snider (3), J.Nix (2). S—L.Rodriguez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Drabek	5 2-3	6	2	2	4	5
Rzepczynski W,1-0	2	0	1	1	1	2
Rauch	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Seattle						
Vargas	6 2-3	5	1	1	1	7
J.Wright H,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ray L,1-1 BS,2-2	2-3	5	5	5	0	0
Lueke	1-3	2	1	1	1	1
Wilhelmsen	1	2	1	1	1	1

WP—Drabek.
Umpires—Home, Wally Bell; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Scott Barry; Third, John Hirschbeck.
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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	8	3	.727	—
Florida	6	5	.545	2
Washington	5	6	.455	3
Atlanta	5	7	.417	3½
New York	4	7	.364	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	8	4	.667	—
Milwaukee	6	5	.545	1½
Chicago	6	6	.500	2
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	2½
St. Louis	5	7	.417	3
Houston	3	9	.250	5

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	8	2	.800	—
San Francisco	6	6	.500	3
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	3
Arizona	5	6	.455	3½
San Diego	5	6	.455	3½

Last night's results
San Francisco 4 L.A. Dodgers 3
Colorado 5 N.Y. Mets 4
San Diego 3 Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 6 Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 3 Washington 2
Florida 5 Atlanta 1
St. Louis 15 Arizona 5
Chicago Cubs 9 Houston 5
Tuesday's results
San Francisco 5 L.A. Dodgers 4
Houston 11 Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 5 Florida 0
Washington 7 Philadelphia 4
Arizona 13 St. Louis 8
Cincinnati 8 San Diego 2
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Today's games
All times Eastern
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m., 1st game
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 3:40 p.m., 2nd game
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP MONTE CARLO MASTERS

At Monte Carlo, Monaco
Singles — Second Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-2, 6-2.
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-0.
Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco (6), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Jurgen Melzer (7), Austria, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (8), France, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 7-5, 6-2.
Nicolas Almagro (9), Spain, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 7-6 (10).
Viktor Troicki (11), Serbia, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Marin Cilic (15), Croatia, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 5-2 (retired).
Doubles — Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** def. Richard Gasquet, France, and Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 6-2, 7-5.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

FINAL STANDING

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	62	20	.756	—
y-Miami	58	24	.707	4
y-Boston	56	26	.683	6
x-Orlando	52	30	.634	10
x-Atlanta	44	38	.537	18
x-New York	42	40	.512	20
x-Philadelphia	41	41	.500	21
x-Indiana	37	45	.451	25
Milwaukee	35	47	.427	27
Charlotte	34	48	.415	28
Detroit	30	52	.366	32
New Jersey	24	58	.293	38
Washington	23	59	.280	39
Toronto	22	60	.268	40
Cleveland	19	63	.232	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	61	21	.744	—
y-L.A. Lakers	57	25	.695	4
x-Dallas	57	25	.695	4
y-Oklahoma City	55	27	.671	6
x-Denver	50	32	.610	11
x-Portland	48	34	.585	13
x-New Orleans	46	36	.561	15
x-Memphis	46	36	.561	15
Houston	43	39	.524	18
Phoenix	40	42	.488	21
Utah	39	43	.476	22
Golden State	36	46	.439	25
L.A. Clippers	32	50	.390	29
Sacramento	24	58	.293	37
Minnesota	17	65	.207	44

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference
Last night's results
Miami 97 Toronto 79
Orlando 92 Indiana 74
Charlotte 96 Atlanta 85
Houston 121 Minnesota 102
Milwaukee 110 Oklahoma City 106 (OT)
Chicago 97 New Jersey 92
Dallas 121 New Orleans 89
Utah 107 Denver 103
Cleveland 100 Washington 93
Detroit 104 Philadelphia 100
Boston 112 New York 102
Golden State 110 Portland 86
Phoenix 106 San Antonio 103
L.A. Clippers 110 Memphis 103
L.A. Lakers 116 Sacramento 108 (OT)
Wednesday's results
Chicago 103 New York 90
Portland 102 Memphis 89
L.A. Lakers 102 San Antonio 93

SOCCER

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Last night's results
Los Angeles 0 Toronto FC 0
Colorado at Real Salt Lake
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Chicago at Portland, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Seattle FC at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Chivas USA at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
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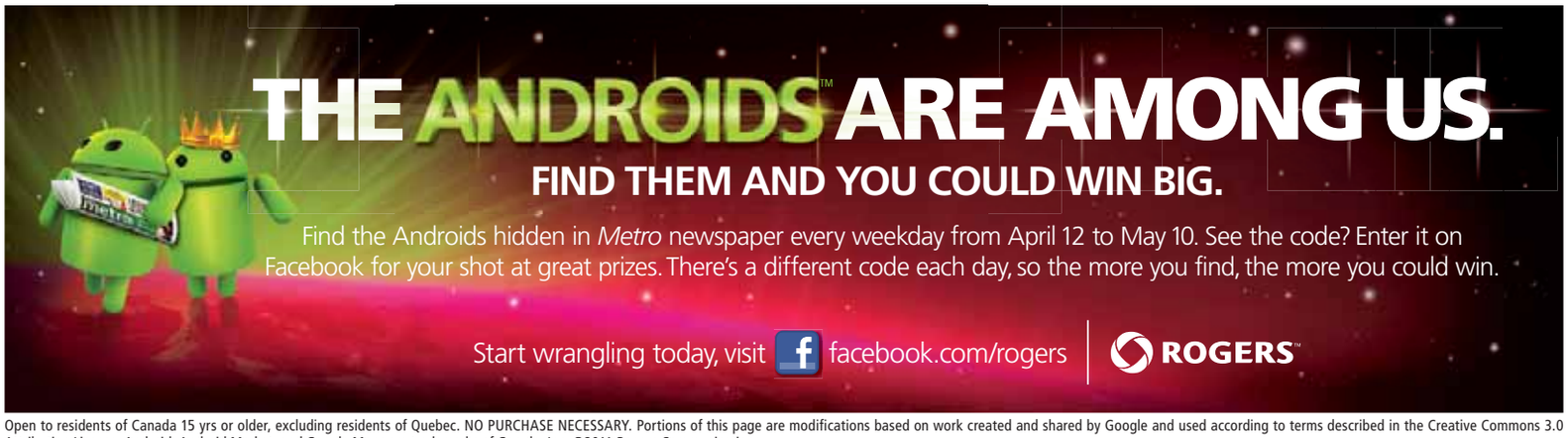
New England at Houston, 7 p.m.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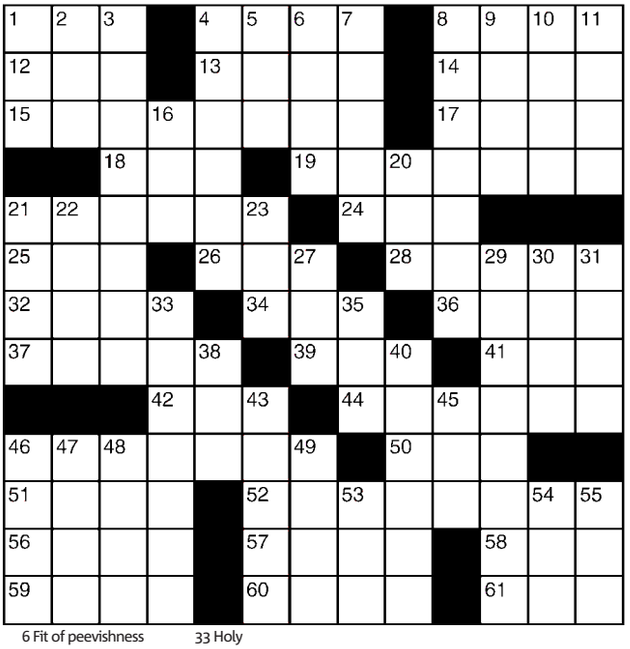

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12 Actress Gardner
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15 Perform upkeep on
17 Capri, e.g.
18 "Kidding!"
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24 Science workshop
25 Slangy suffix
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41 "There's no — team"
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46 Less distinct
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51 Oodles
52 "The Mona Lisa," e.g.
56 Caterwaul
57 Teen's woe
58 — de Cologne
59 Convince
60 Fast time?
61 Spinning stat

Down

1 Predicament
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11 Coaster
16 Japanese theater
20 Cartesian conclusion
21 Apple invader
22 Wings
23 Squabble
27 Two, in Tijuana
29 More frilly
30 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
31 Impart for a while
33 Holy
35 Tease
38 Drunkard
40 Easter accessory
43 Kathmandu's land
45 Drench
46 Wray and Weldon
47 "That was — blow!"
48 Corn Belt state
49 "The Amazing —"
53 B&B
54 Siesta
55 Wrigley product

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

		3			1	4		
	5		6	4			3	
7		4	5			2		8
4				6		8	7	
	2		3		7		9	
	7	8		1				2
2		7			9	6		3
	8			3	6		2	
		6	1			9		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Sian, when I met you 6 months ago my life took a dramatic turn for the better. Thank you for standing by me through the good and the bad, the funny and the sad...I am truly lucky to have you in my life

Happy 19th bday shroom' your finally legal :) party hardy !!!...love you so much
ROMZ <3

Happy Birthday babe! Enjoy the 23rd lvl! It's all down from here MUAHAHA well not really. don't forget to do all those things you can't do any other day of the year.
YOUR CHOCOLATE LOCO [BAR]

Kitten <3,
I know it's been hard and our trust has been put to the test but we both know we're right for each other. So what is it to be? yes or no?... will we share another game of tekken ?
LOVE, PUPEE :)

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You have a knack for reading people's body language. Use it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may want to withdraw into your shell. It would be a waste.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No matter how busy you are at work, you must free up time to spend with your friends.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A throwaway remark might not be meant seriously but certain people will take it seriously, so be careful what you say.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Make it your business to find out why certain people are behaving erratically. You'll be surprised.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You'll start to see solutions where before you saw problems.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Do you get involved in a dispute that is none of your business? You better decide quickly.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you can get others to do a large slice of your work for you today then do so.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you need help today, ask for it. Don't wait for others to notice you're having a hard time.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Others will sense your confidence and offer to do things for you. Why deny them?

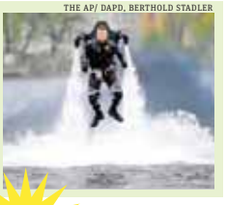
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll find it easy to express yourself. Others will get you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll hear something that pleases you. Don't be suspicious of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Caption contest

DMITRY LOVETSKY

THE AP/ DAPD, BERTHOLD STADLER



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